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11. (SBU) PolOff delivered subject demarche to the MFA's Chief of the Division on Humanitarian and Social Questions, Abdelmounaim El Farouq, on January 29. El Farouq stated that the universal periodic review (UPR) exercise is a good opportunity for a positive interaction with Iran on the issue of human rights. Beyond that, he had no further comment.

 $\P2$ . (SBU) Comment: Since Morocco broke diplomatic relations with Iran in 2009, it may be more willing to take an active role in the UPR. End Comment.

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